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- 1. The main section of a WOP (Military Border Guard) battalion, which guards the coast from the mouth of the Vistula to the Polish-Soviet border at Piaski (Neukrug), is located at Sztutowo (Stutthof), about 35 kilometers east of Gdansk (Danzig). The battalion is quartered in the former SS barracks. The battalion staff, or a part thereof, is located at Elblag (Elbing), to which all who desire fishing cards, permits for the shore areas, or similar permits, must go.
- 2. At Skowronkii (Vogelsang), a barracks for marines (sic) was completed in the summer of 1952. It is located about 200 meters from the shore of the Bay of Danzig and is a two-story building measuring 50 by 30 meters. Troops which are carrying out some work in the surrounding wooded area are stationed there.
- 3. The Mierzeja Wislana (Frische Nehrung) peninsula was fortified during the last war. More or less dilapidated coastal artillery positions, machine gun nests, etc., have been abandoned there, as well as considerable amounts of scrap remaining from armored cars, trucks, and aircraft left by the German retreat in 1945, when German forces attempted to withdraw over the peninsula and the ice.
- 4. No troops were located in 1952 at Tolkmicko (Tolkemit), south of the Vistulian Sound (Zalew Wislany). On the other hand, a WOP troop unit was stationed at Frombork (Frauenburg), east-northeast of Tolkmicko. It is possible that it belongs to the WOP brigade at Olsztyn (Allenstein). Patrols and checks in and around Frombork are exceedingly stringent.
- 5. The entire coast from the mouth of the Vistula to Piaski has been a forbidden area since 1952. A few small strips are, however, open for bathing. The traditional amber collecting is now entirely forbidden, as is all pleasure

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sailing. Beginning in August 1953, however, the sailing associations in Gdansk and Gdynia received permission to sail along the coast of the Bay of Danzig. The members of the sailing associations probably belong, as a rule, to the ZMP (Union of Polish Youth).

- 6. Along the entire coast there is an approximately 10 meter wide, harrowed strip of sand. If tracks are discovered on this strip, the WOP post for this area is held responsible and is, as a rule, accused of having supported espionage against the state.
- 7. Within the area stated above, there are no rocket bases, nor are any rocket bases or fortification work under construction.

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